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MEDICAID PROVIDER MANUAL UPDATE

TO: All Home Health providers participating in the Virginia Medical Assistance Program, Managed Care Organizations providing services to Virginia Medicaid recipients, and all holders of the *Home Health* Medicaid provider manual

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FROM: Patrick W. Finnerty, Director
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DATE: 4/1/2002

SUBJECT: Update to Second Edition of the *Home Health* Provider Manual

The purpose of this memorandum is to provide the April quarterly update for your provider manual. The attached table shows the changes to the manual. Please insert the new pages and retain the attached table.

Amendments to Chapter IV add information on freedom of choice for Medicaid eligible individuals, change "adult day care residence (ACR)" to "assisted living facility (ALF)," and remove all references to "homebound" criteria for the provision of services. The chapter has been reformatted due to the addition and removal of text and removal of Point Page 15.1. In addition, the revision effective date of these changes is February 27, 2002, the effective date of the regulatory change relating to the deletion of the "homebound" requirements. The amendments to Chapter VI change "adult day care residence (ACR)" to "assisted living facility (ALF)" and change, from 62 days to 60 days, the required time period for a written plan of care to be established and reviewed by the physician, the physician recertification, the review and necessary updating of the plan for rehabilitative therapies documentation requirements, and the continuing review of the medical records for each recipient receiving home health services to determine the adequacy of the plan of care and the appropriateness of the continuation of care. The effective date of these changes will be 30 days from the date of this Medicaid provider manual update.

Please review these changes carefully.

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HOME HEALTH MANUAL
REVISION CHART
April 1, 2002

SUMMARY OF REVISIONS

MANUAL SECTION	MATERIAL REVISED	NEW PAGE NUMBER(S)	REVISED PAGE(S)	REVISION DATE
Chapter IV	Table of Contents and Pages 1-22		Table of Contents and Pages 1-22	4-1-02
Chapter VI	Table of Contents and Pages 2-8	Page 7.1	Table of Contents and Pages 2-8	4-1-02

FILING INSTRUCTIONS

MANUAL SECTION	DISCARD	INSERT	OTHER INSTRUCTIONS
Chapter IV	Old Table of Contents and Pages 1-22	New Table of Contents and Pages 1-22	
Chapter VI	Old Table of Contents and Pages 2-8	New Table of Contents and Pages 2-8	